

**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

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| For:                 | Plasma Processing Apparatus and<br>System, Performance Validation<br>System and Inspection Method<br>Therefor | Confirmation No.: 2869  |
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated January 15, 2009. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claim rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 11.